

# d131 The Tissington Trail & Thorpe from Ashbourne

The walk shown is for guidance only and should not be attempted without suitable maps.

Mapleton Bridge Car Park is NW of Ashbourne on the road to Mapleton & Okeover

**Details**

Distance: 11km (6¾ miles)  
 Total Ascent: 267m (876ft)  
 Time: 3½ hrs Grade: 4  
 Maps: OS Landranger® 119  
 or OS Explorer Map™ OL24 & 259  
 Start/Finish: Mapleton Lane Car Park, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 Grid Ref: SK176469  
 Sat Nav: N53.0192 W1.7396

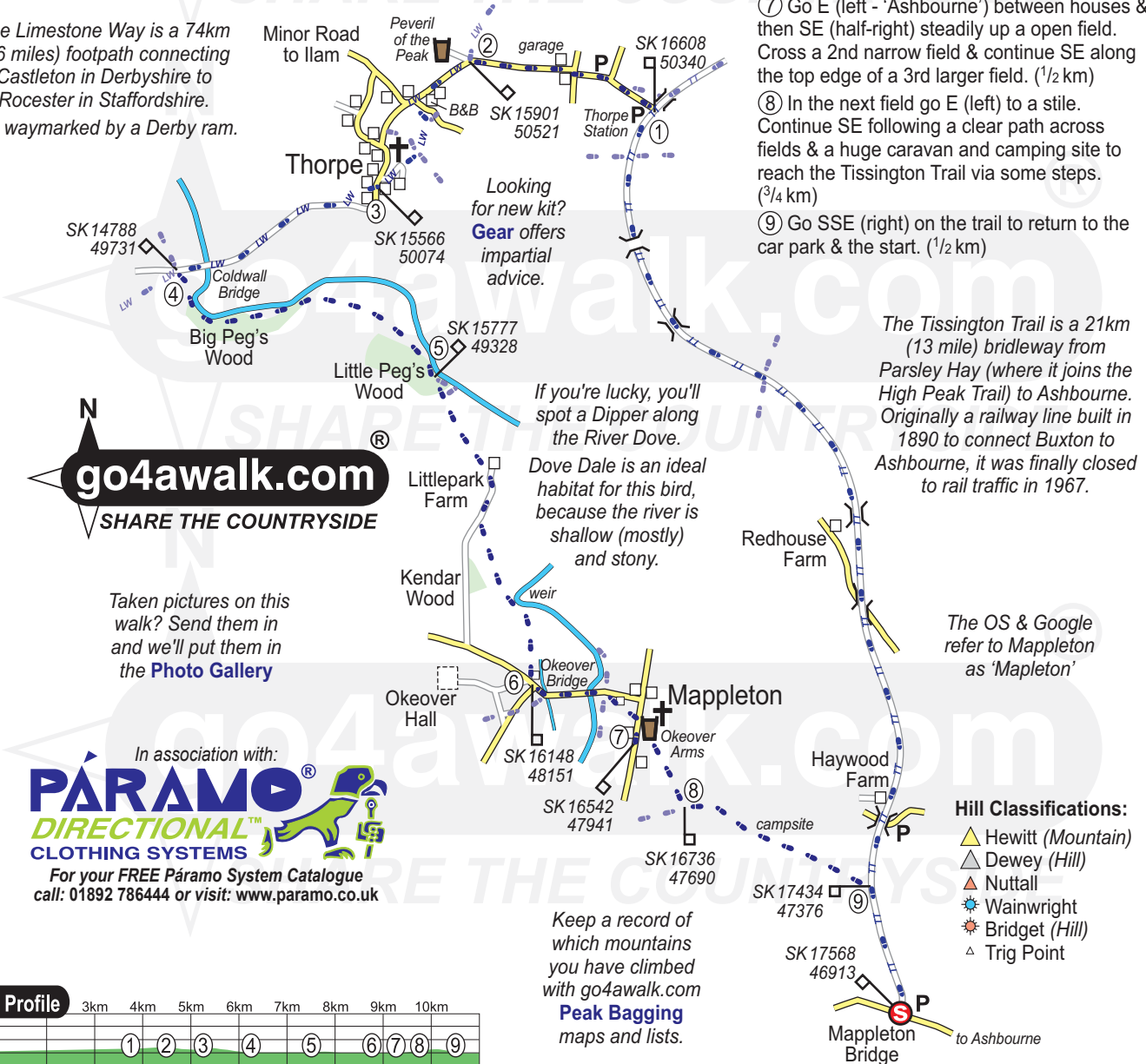
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A dismantled railway & a riverside path  
 Go NNW on the Tissington Trail (a former railway line) until you reach the former Thorpe Station. (3¾ km)

- Go NW on the road to a junction. Continue W (half-left) to a T-junction. Side step N (right) & continue W past a former pub (left) & garage (right - sweets & drinks) until the road bends SW at the entrance to a large hotel. (¾ km)
- Join the Limestone Way (LW) & continue SW on the road into Thorpe. Just beyond a junction on your left (& before the road bears right) go SE (left - LW waymark) down the grass & then S (right) at the bottom through woodland, gently climbing to join a track. Follow the track SW up to a road. (¾ km) NB. To visit Thorpe Church, go N (right) for 100m - well worth it.
- Go S (left) on the road for a few paces & then W (right) in front of Landscape Cottage to follow the Limestone Way down through woodland to join a farm track. Go W (right) & follow the track down to cross Coldwall Bridge. (1 km)

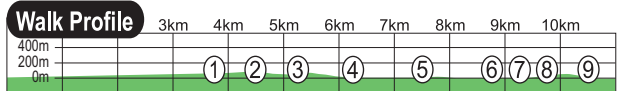
- Go S (left - 'Mapleton') to join a track that generally follows the riverbank through Big Peg's Wood to reach an open field. Bear SSE (half-right) across the grass & into Little Peg's Wood. (1¼ km)
- About half-way through Little Peg's Wood go SSE (half-right) at a signed fork. Beyond the wood, continue SSE up through fields, gently climbing away from the river to reach the access track to Littlepark Farm. Go S (right) on the track for 200m before bearing SE (half-left) over a stile to cross more fields to rejoin the River Dove at a weir. Bear S (half-right) away from the river again to reach a road via a gate. (1¼ km)
- Go SE (left) on the road & bear E across two bridges & then SE (half-right) across a field to emerge in Mapleton opposite the church. Go S (right) past the pub to a signed footpath on your left. (½ km)
- Go E (left - 'Ashbourne') between houses & then SE (half-right) steadily up an open field. Cross a 2nd narrow field & continue SE along the top edge of a 3rd larger field. (½ km)
- In the next field go E (left) to a stile. Continue SE following a clear path across fields & a huge caravan and camping site to reach the Tissington Trail via some steps. (¾ km)
- Go SSE (right) on the trail to return to the car park & the start. (½ km)

The Limestone Way is a 74km (46 miles) footpath connecting Castleton in Derbyshire to Rocester in Staffordshire. It is waymarked by a Derby ram.



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